

# Nevada Department of Agriculture News Release

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## **Expanded Surveillance Confirms More WNV Positive Samples**

Reno- The Nevada Department of Agriculture is releasing West Nile Virus test results for samples collected this week in Lyon, White Pine and Mineral County. The samples, mosquito pools and dead birds, were tested and confirmed positive by NDOA's Animal Disease & Food Safety Laboratory in Reno.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office collected three dead crows and submitted them for testing on July 22. Tests confirm that two out of the three crows were infected with West Nile Virus.

Fifteen mosquito pools were collected from the town of Hawthorne in Mineral County on July 22. Out of the fifteen mosquito pools collected, seven were positive.

On July 22 the Nevada Department of Agriculture's Entomologist Jeff Knight collected fifteen mosquito pool samples from White Pine County. Out of the fifteen samples collected, nine were positive.

"We continue to see evidence of West Nile Virus in the state, which means people need to be diligent about practicing preventive measures to reduce their chances of being bitten by mosquitoes," said Dr. Bradford Lee, State Health Officer. "When outdoors, use insect repellent containing DEET, wear pants, long-sleeve shirts and socks, remove standing water from around your house and make sure the screens on your doors and windows fit properly."

"The good news is most people infected with West Nile Virus will not experience any symptoms," said Dr. Lee. "People 50 years of age or older are more likely to develop serious symptoms of West Nile Virus and should take special care to avoid mosquito bites."

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“Horse, mule and donkey owners in Nevada, border to border, need to vaccinate their animals as soon as possible,” said Dr. David Thain, State Veterinarian for Nevada. “It’s not an option anymore,” he added.

Nevada Department of Agriculture officials remind the public that if they see a sick or dead bird, call 775-688-1182, ext 231 to report the location.

For more information on West Nile Virus visit *agri.state.nv.us* and click on the mosquito icon. For information regarding health effects, visit <http://health2k.state.nv.us> and click on West Nile Virus, under “Hot Topics.”

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